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Original Poetry.

ROSALIE.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

BY ALICE CARY.

You might not have thought her an angel to see,
For the loved one, not me, was the angel to her;
You might not have put her name first on your prayer,
And you could not, and it was not to be there.

But you were so many! I scarcely dare say
That number, since Rome and I more at play
Counted the old signs—but I know they did grow
By the homestead's long time ago.

Remember? I build it again and again
Of the cards that we played with, and then
Of the long-crowded roof, dusty and wide,
With the rain falling soft on the grimy old pane.

I see the clear sun, with the cheery look—
And the cows wading slowly along it to drink;
I see the old pasture, and where the bars fall
And the sorrel-top rises high under the sky.

I see the old orchard, and where the boughs hang
The perhaps well-ballplexion over the lane;
I see the old meadow, and where the old mill
Is shaking its head in and with the rest.

I say I see the barn-at, and I see sunrise
Through the old openings over from her cradle,
On the morning of pinnock blossoms brought
In the shape of a man—but I see not Rosalie!

I see the poor clustering of fancy stupid be
Into—what?—all that is not Rosalie!
Gathered her, and one thought all pervasive, her bed,
And her grave—for I see not a stone of the head.

Original Novelet.

SIX WEEKS OF COURTSHIP.

BY EMILIE F. CARLEN,

AUTHOR OF "THE VAN NOSTRANDS," "THE BRIDE OF DARKNESS," ETC., ETC.

TRANSLATED FROM THE SWEDISH.

FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

BY J. HENRY WATSON.

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CHAPTER XI.

CONFIDENTIAL DISCLOSURES.

Three days had elapsed since Victor had played the part of a postboy, and he had not had the opportunity of seeing Thekla.

The delay was rendered still more unpleasant, because Victor had been fortunate enough to procure for himself the former arrogance, and confidence, which he had formerly possessed.

Before he was visited the widow yet I or do you prefer to remain at home and wait patiently for the return of the servant?

"Enough. Open the letter." Victor spoke these words with a slight tremor, but in a loud tone.

Unfortunately the seal was broken, and Ekhiel read as follows:

"MY DEAR HECTOR WALLENBERG:

"——Out of pure friendship for you I will mention that my nephew told me she would like to see you here. Now, my dear lawyer, here this evening with her descendants.—Oh,' said I to her, 'this brother, Victor, has been a good deal more wicked than I think so,' she replied, 'but he is not a lawyer, he lives.'—But, madame, I answered quickly, 'you have always been particular in your choice of society, and allow me to remark that I have never been such to say' said she, hastily. 'That the Rector should accompany me.' I replied. 'If two should call on her, I am not really sure that she would be at home.'

"What a cunning confederate you have!" interrupted Victor, laughing heartily. Without replying the Rector proceeded with the letter.

"Your cautious, my dear Sophia," answered my mistress, "is perfectly excusable, but your suspicions are unjust. Victor has given me no sons for wishing to see the lawyer alone once more.

"Once more!" exclaimed both brothers, in one voice.

The Rector read the concluding sentence of the letter rapidly and almost inaudibly.

"What is my answer?" asked Victor.

"Which is more transparent than noise. You have been silly enough to confide in his name, Madame Mathilda Rendelvik."

"Perhaps—by my honor, as a confidant. I would be of small use to you, my dear brother."

"Ah! have you debarred yourself so far—"

"My conscience," exclaimed Victor, when his brother had finished reading the letter, "my conscience is perfectly at ease on that point. There is a ray of hope for me, yes, both of us!"

"It is quite clear," replied Ekhiel, "that you have been deceived by a woman."

"Yes, perhaps as far as my legal opinion is concerned. It is quite as clear that this letter, if it is genuine, can have but little or no touch, refer to a matter of business only."

"Consider that as you may. I confide in the hope that you will leave the way for me, and I am certain that you will never lose anything by complying with my wish. Will you not

Leaving the two conspirators to improve and perfect their plot, we must return to the breakfast parlor at Lindenwald. The family were assembled around the table. Doctor Grimshaw's dark, sombre and lowering looks, enough to have spread a gloom over any circle, effectually banished conversation from the room. Martin Van Buren was unusually grave, but he was not disposed to mope, for he had a spice of raising from the table. Rather wishing to be by himself, he ordered his carriage and drove off.

"My own dear Jacqueline, forgive your father this morning. I feared the success of his plans depended entirely upon his not seeing you until the Sixth, this evening at dusk. I have something of the utmost importance to say to you."

She hastily crumpled the note, and thrust it into her pocket. Just as Jacqueline's quickened fears looked over her shoulder, she said:

"You're going to stay all day with me, Marian?"

"Yes, love—that is, till after dinner. Then I shall have to beg of Mrs. Waugh the use of the carriage to go home."

"Well, then, I will ride with you, Marian, and return in the carriage. I say, Harlan Grim' has not hanged himself yet, has never mind, what's delayed may yet be paid?"

"Oh, love, you must not talk so! don't you know that by saying cruel things that he has reason long entertained, (What innocence of the 'mouth dollish.' If you have suffered wrong, do no wrong; leave your case to the all-powerful, all-seeing, righteous Judge. I'm a mere matter of wisdom. I would not return wrong for wrong, lest you injure my own cause before the court of Heaven."

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"Now?"

"Yes, dear, I am going to carry her some breakfast. So, come along, and get your mantle," said the good woman, opening out through the door.

Marian followed, drawing over her pocket-handkerchief to tie over her head, and as she did so, the note, unperceived by her, fluttered out, and fell upon the carpet. Jacqueline instantly darted upon it, picked it up, opened, and read it. Had Jacqueline first paused to reflect, she would never have done so under such a hasty act. But when did the elf ever stop to think? As she read, her eyes began to twinkle, and her feet to jacket up and down, and her hand to sway from side to side, as if she could scarcely keep from singing and dancing for glee.

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"It means, dear Jacqueline, that I am the most grateful creature upon the face of the earth, just now; and to-morrow, I will tell you why I am so!" said Marian, with a rosy smile. And well she might be most grateful and most happy, for thus letter had brought her assurance of France beyond her greatest hopes. Her father was free! Free! and on his way home! The good she would now be enabled to do! The joy that she felt! Her heart was full—her head turned—the grove, the carriage, the road, and Jacqueline, all seemed to vanish from her sight. She lived for a moment in a world of her own. Then she remembered her companion, and would be excited anxiety and curiosity. "I can't tell you to-day, Jacqueline; I cannot keep this blessed news from him a day longer than necessary; for this letter is dated the 20th of May, and it has been on the road for more than a month. To-morrow, love, you shall know all!"

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SATURDAY

EVENING POST.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1858.

Congressional News

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.
SECOND SESSION.

SENATE.

On the 9th, General Cass offered a resolution, inviting officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War, now dependents on the Government for the bounty of the State, to call on the corp, to occupy seats upon the floor of the Senate.

Mr. Douglas presented a bill in favor of the construction of the Pacific Railroad and a collateral magnetic telegraph. Read and referred.

Mr. Pearce, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back, with amend., the bill to fix the rank and compensation of officers of the Army. It shall be printed and recommitted.

Mr. Hammond presented the petition of the citizens of Chesterfield county, Pennsylvania, praying "the extension of the Bank of England has still further to go.

The Judiciary Section 1858 was then again taken up.

Mr. Bayard said: I understand this to be a test question as to whether the Senate will agree or change the policy of the last session. Is that correct, Judge?

Mr. Fitzpatrick—Yes.

Mr. Bayard—The action of the Senate last session was in favor of dispensing with the current services of the United States Courts, and intermitting with the people, or interested in the business of the Courts, the benefit of the services of the judiciary, but materially unprofitable. The delay among the Courts has been unprecedented. It is the popular belief that the Supreme Judges should be relieved from circuit services. I hope some plan will be settled upon which will relieve the Supreme Judges from circuit duty.

Mr. Butler—The Judges are required to perform duties in the Supreme Court and in the Circuit Courts, and cannot be relieved except the Judges themselves are relieved. I am not aware of America, may be relieved from circuit duty. I am in favor of the Supreme Court, and infinitely more than the Circuit Courts.

Mr. Bayard—I do not intend that we shall be compelled to go into the Circuit Courts against our will. I am in favor of the Supreme Court, and infinitely more than the Circuit Courts.

Mr. Fitzpatrick—The bill of last session was intended to relieve the Judges from circuit duty. I am in favor of the bill of last session, and

Selected Poetry.

THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE AT BALAKLAVA.

[The London Times' correspondent of The Tribune, recently said that Tennyson could not write on the "Charge of the gallant nine-hundred," as his lyric, which we take from the London Examiner, is reference, of that occasion.]

Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

Into the valley of death
Rode the six hundred.
For up came an order which
Some one had blundered:
"Forward, the Light Brigade!
Take the guns," Nolan said:
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

"Forward, the Light Brigade!
No man was there dismayed,
Not though the soldier knew
Some one had blundered:
Theirs not to make reply,
Theirs not to reason why,
Theirs but to do and die,
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them,
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon in front of them
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell,
Boldly they rode and well,
Into the jaws of Death,
Into the mouth of Hell
Rode the six hundred.

Flashed all their sabres bare
Flashed all at once in air
Sabring the gunners there,
Charging an army, while
All the world wondered.
Plunged in the battery smoke
With many a desperate stroke
The Russian line they broke;
Then they rode back, but, not
Not the six hundred.

Cannon to right of them
Cannon to left of them,
Cannon behind them
Volleyed and thundered;
Stormed at with shot and shell
While horse and horsemen fell.
Those that had fought so well
Came from the jaws of Death,
Back from the mouth of Hell,
All that was left of them,
Left of six hundred.

When shall their glory fade?
Oh the wild charge they made!
All the world wondered
Honor the charge they made!
Honor the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!

A. T.

Selected Articles.

AHASUERUS,
THE SHOEMAKER OF JERUSALEM.

Every one has heard of the Wandering Jew, but the origin of this legend may not be quite so well known. There are several versions of it. Matthew Paris, monk of St Albans, relates one which was current in the East during the thirteenth century. It runs thus:—This year (1228) an Armenian archbishop came to England, to visit the relics of saints and venerable places, even as he had done in other countries. He bore letters of recommendation from our lord the pope to the religious and prelates of this kingdom. And he repaired to St. Albans, to offer up prayers at the shrine of the English proto martyr, he was received with honor by the abbot and the community. In the course of his sojourn here, he inquired particularly of his hosts concerning the rules and usages of England; and in return he related to them many traditions of his own country. He was questioning, among other things, about that famous Joseph who has caused so much talk among men—that Joseph who was present at the Passion of Christ, and who received as a living witness of the Christian faith. He was asked if he had ever seen him, or heard anything of him. An officer of the archbishop's suite—his interpreter, I presume of Antioch, who was known to Henry Spigurnel, one of the lord king's clerks—then replied in the French language, that his master knew this man perfectly, and that he had even entertained him at his own table a little time previous to his departure for the West. The Armenian's story as to what passed between Joseph and our Saviour is as follows:—When Jesus was borne along by the Jews from the pretorium to the place of crucifixion, Cartaphilus, one of Pontius Pilate's doorkeepers, reached the cherry to behold a sight so contemptuous voice:—Walk faster, Jesus, why dost thou tarry?" Then answered the Christ with a severe and sorrowful look:—I will walk it is written, and I shall rest ere long, but thou shalt walk until my coming." He remained to the Passion, Cartaphilus was thirty years of age. He cannot be absent. In the day when he falls into a kind of ecstasy, from which he awakes restored again to youth. He was converted to the Christian faith, and baptized by Ananias, the same who baptized Paul, receiving in baptism the name of Joseph. He resides generally in Armenia. His conversation is pious and edifying. The bishops are his close associates. He talks but little, and only when his society is sought by high dignitaries of the church, and by holy prelates. But then his grave sentences detail respecting the Passion and resurrection of Christ," &c.

The Eastern tradition is somewhat different from the above, and it is supposed by some to be more ancient, although it is not clear on what grounds. This version supposes the Jew to have been a shoemaker at Jerusalem, named Ahasuerus, and that after his baptism he received the name of Buttaeus. Here is the veritable legend, as embodied in a letter written in 1619, by Christoforous Dubliacus, of Westphalia, to one of his friends in the East:—In the year 1547, M. Paulus von Eitzen, Doctor of the Holy Scriptures, and Bishop of Schleswig, was attending service in a church at Hamburg, on Sunday during winter, when he saw, most conspicuously in the old low nave, a man who had wandered through the world ever since the Passion of Christ. He appeared about fifty years old, and in stature—being but little hunched up over his shoulders. He remained during the sermon, and listened thereto with much devotion. On hearing the church the doctor entered into conversation with him. The Jew self-named had evidently that he was born at Jerusalem, where he exercised the trade of a shoemaker—that his name was Ahasuerus—and that he had been present at the Crucifixion of Christ. Afterwards he talked of the Apostles. Then he added, that Christ, wishing to rest against the wall of his house, on account of the heavy weight of the cross, he had repulsed Him rudely; and bade Him go His way, when our Lord made the reply recorded in the Gospels. This Jew was very quiet and discreet in his manner. If he happened to hear any one blasphemy, he exclaimed, with a sigh, that it was deep anguish. Oh, unhappy man, why dost thou thus abuse the name of the Lord, and thy exact instructions? If thou hadst seen, as I did, how heavy and how bitter was the agony of Christ, for those who saw and for none—how wonder rather suffer the greatest evils than blasphemous His holy name! When Ahasuerus was offered to him, he never took more than two shillings, and of that even he gave a part to the poor, declaring that he was not allowed to keep anything which God had supplied to him. He was known to himself. Wherever he partook of food, he always spoke the language of the country, even at the time he was himself known to be a stranger Nation. There are many people of quality who have seen this Jew in England, France, Italy, Hungary, Persia, Poland, Austria, Spain, Denmark, Scotland, and other countries; he also in Germany, at Embeck, Worms, Dantzig, and Konigsberg. In the year 1575, two ambassadors of Holstein, and particularly the secretary, Christopher Kotzer, met him at Moskow, and became in figure, age, manners, and costume. In the year 1599, he was at Vienna, and in 1600 at Lubeck. Many persons also saw and conversed with him in the year 1601, in Livonia at Courcar, and at Mentcow.

Such is the legend of "Der Ewige Jude"—the *Everlasting Jew*. Like the story of St Veronica, it is supposed to have had its origin about the commencement of the fourth century—and it must have profoundly impressed the heart of the people, since it survived the times of Luther and Melanchthon, and was even received as an article of belief by the dissenting communities. What, indeed, could affect the imagination more powerfully, than the thought of this lonely man, dowered with an immortality of woe, and condemned to wander from clime to clime through countless ages, seeking rest and finding none, and more wretched by the silence of his deep despair than all the thousands of his fellow-men who have lived since the world began, because

The power to be dispersed the right to grieve.

He has passed, "like a shadow, from land to land," with the "pressure of God's infinite upon his finite soul." His memory stretches far back, "down the long generations," unbearing everything of pathos and sublimity in the history of the crucified Christ, whom last reproachful look still haunts his agonized soul. None can ever share in his undying grief, and therefore he must always dwell in a deep solitude of heart and soul, which no human sympathies can reunite. The beautiful, the great, the wise, the good, never into his "desolate land;" but still the Everlasting Jew shall journey his "pilgrimage of woe," until Time itself shall be no more, and of all earth's countless tribes he only shall be left, in solitary grandeur, to chant the dirgesong of creation.

A fiction so sublime would naturally attract much attention and interest. At first, it passed merely from mouth to mouth; then it became incorporated in superstitious ballads, and in simple village story-books, such as *Le Juif errant, véritable du Juif errant, qui depuis l'an 33 jusqu'à présent a toujours vécu, et vivra éternellement*, and, lastly, more genius were fascinated by its mysterious grace, and sought therein the subject of drama, and romance, and song. Goethe had the idea of founding an epic on this legend, and in the plan he has left of it in his Memoirs, he tells us that he intended to have depicted the "characters of Ahasuerus" with the curious expressions of old Hans Sachs. Several others would certainly have been obliged to sacrifice much of the peculiar charm which clusters in the history of the Wandering Jew, as the product of an eternal sorrow.

THE SLIGHTED SCHOLAR.

Cases like the one I am about to relate are much too frequent in our country, and they are such, too, as should be guarded against by all who have an interest in education. The subject was brought to mind by hearing a mechanical whistle by the parent of a pupil, who had been grossly neglected by the teacher of the village school, neglected because he was poor, and comparatively friendless.

Many years ago, when I was a small boy, I attended school in the town of ——, where the scholars there was a boy named George Henry. His father was a poor drinking man, and the unfortunate boy had to suffer in consequence. George came to school shabbily clad, ragged garments—but they were the best he had—he was rough and uncouth in his manners, for he had been brought up in this manner, he was very ignorant, for he had never had an opportunity for education.

Soon after season, poor George Henry occupied the same seat in the school-room—it was a back corner seat, away from the other scholars—and I, too, had changed my buttered partner. The ragged condition of his garb gave me a remedy that he whose acquaintance and what of intelligence there might have been in his countenance, was overlooked by the « outer covering" of rags. He seldom, if ever, left the other children, for they seemed to shun him, but when he did, for a while, join with them in their sports, he was so rough that he was soon shoved off out of the way.

The boys had a habit of going into the street, while other boys, in better garb, were allowed to remain in. On one school, George Henry was coldly treated. The teacher neglected him, and then called him as « idle boy&lquo; to be out and play with the rest. They were involved so much in study, and consequently so much in the love of it, that they seem to be so much engaged that